

George W. Pearce letters

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Pearce, George W., 1819-1865
Title	George W. Pearce letters
Date	1864
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English

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Historical Note

During late summer 1864, George W. Pearce wrote three personal letters (September 20, 22, and 29) to his sister, E. L. Haus of St. Louis, Missouri, while serving as a prisoner of war from Camp Morton, 13th Division, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mentioned in the letters are the names of his wife, Augusta Virginia, and children, Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Henrietta, and John Houston. Also mentioned in the letters are a brother Daniel, nephew Fred, and Richard (last names not provided).

In February 1862, Indiana Governor Oliver Morton agreed to accept up to 3000 Confederate prisoners at Camp Morton. Within a few weeks, Camp Morton reportedly housed 3700 prisoners, and by July 1864, the number had climbed to 4900. By April 1, 1865, the number of prisoners at Camp Morton had declined to 1,408, and with General Lee's surrender on April 9, 1865, all remaining prisoners were released.

A Confederate prisoner listed only as G. W. Pearce is among Confederate Soldiers who died at Camp Morton and were buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Source: <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~indiana42nd/campmorton.htm>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes copy of three personal letters from George W. Pearce, a Confederate Civil War Prisoner, on September 20, 22, and 29, 1864, regarding family matters.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Confederate States of America.

Geographic Name(s)

- Camp Morton (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- Prisoner of war
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life